of such levity from the gravity of the House, taking it to be immaterial whether such amendments be written in parchment or in paper, either white paper, black paper or brown paper. Thereupon some members of the House charged the Clerk that *by* his default and error the House was charged with levity, to which he himself prayed that some of the ancient Parhament men of the House might examine the matter After the Clerk had been heard and the matter blamed on the inexperience of the Clerk of the Upper House, it is determined by these ancientest Parliament men that all the members of the House, being Privy Councillors, together with the best sort of the rest of the members, accompanied with the Sergeants of the Law, shall straightway be sent to the Lords to signify in the name of the whole House that the House has not in any manner of sort erred m returning that Bill and amendments in parchment to have the same done in paper according to the ancient order of Parliament, and that the House doth take itself to be very hardly dealt with to be taxed by their Lordships with imputation of levity, and reproached by other unusual and unnecessary terms

2,1st December THE EARL OF ESSEX'S INDIGNATION

'Tis said in Court that the Queen hath advanced the Earl of Essex to be Lord Marshal, whereby his precedency over the Lord Admiral is restored My lord doth now show himself in more public sort and is purposed to have the patent of the new Earl of Nottingham altered But he will have none of it, and yesterday in the afternoon he gave over his White Staff as Lord Steward, and to-day is gone to Chelsea where he purposeth, as 'tis said,

to be sick, for the Queen by this long patience and suffering of his is grown to consider the wrong done unto him, which now she lays upon the Lord Treasurer and Sir Robert Cecil, though with infinite protestations they deny it The Earl of Essex de sires right to be done him, either by a commission to examine it, or by combat, either against the Earl of Nottingham himself or any of his sons or name that shall defend it, or that it -will please her Majesty to see the wrongs done to him, and so -will suffer himself to be commanded by her There is such ado about it as troubles the place and all proceedings Sir Walter Ralegh is employed to end this quarrel and make atonement